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—AND ESPECIALLY TO—

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## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Insertions under this head for Indians will be 25 cents. For other than Indians 75 cents each insertion

Look out for our travelling agent, Mr. Alf. Dixon, who will likely visit each Reserve in Ontario during this and next month in the interests of THE INDIAN. Try and lend him a hand to increase our circulation and establish a regular correspondence from each reserve.

## A GREAT SCHEME.

DR. JONES WANTS TO REMOVE THE GRAND RIVER INDIANS TO THE NORTH-WEST.

"OTTAWA, June 4.—It is hinted that the last visit of Dr. P. E. Jones, of Hagersville, to Ottawa was in connection with a scheme for the removal of the Indians on the Grand River reserves to the North-west Territories. Chief Jones proposes that the Indians shall be allowed to sell all the lands occupied by them in Brant and Haldimand, that the proceeds of such sales shall be invested for their benefit, and that the Government shall grant them a tract of good land in the North-west, to which they will remove. As the lands occupied by the Indians in the counties named are very valuable, their sale of course would yield a large amount of money, while equally good lands could be obtained in the North-west free of charge. Dr. Jones claims that if his scheme is carried out the position of the Indian tribes will be greatly improved. The consideration of Dr. Jones' scheme will no doubt be postponed until after the next election."

The above is taken from the first page of the daily *Globe* of Saturday last, June 5th.

We cannot but think that every Indian who can read will see that the article is absurd and false. It is a scheme that the Editor would have no right and no sense in proposing. He certainly would have no right for he is not a member of the Six Nations. He certainly would have no sense for the Grand River Reservation is as good a tract of land as there is in the Dominion, with the best markets, no blizzards, no cyclones, no floods, no prairie fires, and no rebellions! The Indians on the Grand River Reservation require only industry in agriculture, and proper local management, to be the most

prosperous and happy people in Canada. We state here positively that at present we see no advantage to be gained to the Six Nations by such a scheme as the *Globe* correspondent attributes to us. In the matter of sale and trade many strange things happen. But if we have a \$500 horse, we must not trade it for less than twenty twenty-five dollar ponies! It might happen, however, that we could get thirty twenty-five dollar ponies for it, then we might trade. It is so with the Indians of the Grand River Reservation, if they could sell and better themselves; be as comfortable, and have more money, well and good, but at present we do not see that they could. So the greatness of the scheme we think is doubtful. The last sentence in the item is evidently political and its object is to injure the Editors influence and standing amongst his people. The party having the *Globe* as his chief organ, which will publish such a bare-faced falsehood for the sake of political capital and to lead the Indians astray must be one which we as Indians can have little faith in, to manage our affairs should they come into power.

## Correspondence.

## FROM THE RESERVES.

## GIBSON RESERVE.

Two large shipments of lacrosse sticks has been sent to New York a few days ago.

Other shipments of Lacrosse sticks are to be made in course of a few days.

A number of young men are at present working for Mr. Arch McLean (Torrens) on his saw log drive and are getting from \$26 to \$30 per month so we are told. More of them are employed at Mosquash loading barges and working about the mill. The elderly folks stayed at their farms. None are idle.

## OSHWEKEN.

The Six Nation Council at its last sitting noticed what seemed to be a communication in the popular *Weekly Courier*, which purports to have been dated at Oshweken. A cunning way to hide one's identity. Why didn't Mr. Somebody or Mr. Nobody date his communication from where it was written? Now with regard to the first two paragraphs nothing need be said, except that the second is false, and got up only as a joke at the expense of the two parties named. The third paragraph says: "A crying evil here is the incapability of the pathmasters, and in consequence our roads are poor and rough. We hope our council will see to it, that in the future better work is done." Regarding the third paragraph the chiefs are of opinion that the pathmasters of the Reserve would compare favorably with that of any other township. Of course there may be two or three exceptions out of the fifty-one pathmasters who may be a little too easy with their men, where the people are poor and teams are scarce, but this year the chiefs will see to it, that the pathmaster of the neighborhood where Mr. Blank is employed as a hostler, in conjunction with that of feeding the pigs and milking the cows, etc., is instructed to

be very strict, so that Mr. ——— will have the satisfaction of doing his full share of statute labor, which was not exacted of him last year. The roads are poor and rough it is true, but so are nearly all the clay roads of the country. The council we hear desire to thank Mr. ——— for his suggestions and would intimate that they could do with a few more, as it may please the giver and do no material harm to the council. And with regard to the personals we have nothing to say, except that it is where Mr. ——— gave himself away, and we would suggest that Mr. ——— deck himself with suitable mourning for his trumpeter who is evidently dead. There are certain matters mentioned which only Mr. ——— could have known at the time the communication was evidently written. And we are of opinion that he just a little too officious for his pigs to look well, and his cows and other work may be neglected by his helping the council too much. We moreover somewhat differ with him as to the wants on the reserve, we being of opinion that the wants on the Reserve are more than four in number, at any rate we can easily add four more with truth.

5.—More truthful men.

6.—Less brass on some men's faces.

7.—More men that mind their own business.

8.—Smaller number of self-important one's.

Yours truly,

PLENO JURE.

From the Six Nation's Council.—*Courier*.

## TYENDINAGA RESERVE.

A grand concert will be held at the Council House on Wednesday next, June 2nd. We must remember that this concert will be for the benefit of our Sunday Schools on the Reserve, and a large audience is solicited in order to raise funds to carry on the Sunday Schools. This concert will be under the able management of Prof. Crowe.

Mr. Wm. Powless has made a wonderful improvement on his ferry boat as regards speed. He can now cross the bay, the distance of three-fourths of a mile, in five minutes with 40 lbs. of steam and with full power in 3½ minutes. Mr. Powless has the credit of a model ferry boat on the Bay of Quinte line.

Miss Emma Loft has been very ill for the past week from malarial fever. Miss Loft is on the mend though slowly.

Miss Patton, of Richmond, spent a few days of this week at the Mohawk parsonage, as the guest of Miss Kahneradishon.

Mr. Joseph Picord has made much improvement to his farm by adding a drive-house and a dwelling house. Mr. Picord intends this to be a model farm before many years. Good enough, Joseph.

It has been decided that the political picnic will be held later on in the season than the first of July, in order to give more time to provide for speakers.

It has been rumoured that Mr. Jacob Brant and Miss Maggie Smith, both of this place, were joined together in holy matrimony at Onedia, New York State. Mrs. Brant has returned home to confirm the rumour. The writer joins with their host of friends in wishing them a happy future life.—*Tribune*.